

CONTEMPORARY WORLD

UNIT 16

Ethnic & Religious Conflicts

- Conflicts have led to migration of refugees and guest workers to European cities
- Refugees-people forced out of their country
- Guest workers-people who migrate in search of low paying jobs



What are some examples of ethnic and/or religious conflicts that have affected the contemporary world?

- **Middle East**
- **Northern Ireland**
- **Balkans- Croats, Bosnians, and Serbs**
- **Africa**
- **Asia**

Ethnic & Religious Conflicts

- Middle East
- Religious Conflict in Israel between Jews and Palestinians (Muslims living in Israel's territories) **Because Jewish State of Israel created in 1948



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STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN

The first independent Jewish State in 19 centuries was born in Tel Aviv as the British Mandate over Palestine came to an end at midnight on Friday, and it was immediately subjected to the test of fire. As "Medinat Yisrael" (State of Israel) was proclaimed, the battle for Jerusalem raged, with most of the city falling to the Jews. At the

same time, President Truman announced that the United States would accord recognition to the new State. A few hours later, Palestine was invaded by Moslem armies from the south, east and north, and Tel Aviv was raided from the air. On Friday the United Nations Special Assembly adjourned after adopting a resolution to appoint a med-

iator but without taking any action on the Partition Resolution of November 29.

Yesterday the battle for the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road was still under way, and two Arab villages were taken. In the north, Acre town was captured, and the Jewish Army consolidated its positions in Western Galilee.

Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History

Between Thursday night and this morning Palestine went through what by all standards must be among the most crowded hours in its history.

For the Jewish population there was the anguish over the fate of the few hundred Hagana men and women in the Kfar Etzion bloc of settlements near Hebron. Their surrender to a fully equipped superior foreign force desperately in need of a victory was a foregone conclusion. What could not be known, with no communications since Thursday morning, was whether and to what extent the Red Cross and the Truce Coms would secure civilized conditions for prisoners and wounded, and proper respect for the dead. Doubts on some of these anxious questions have now been resolved.

On Friday afternoon, from Tel Aviv, came the expected announcement of the Jewish State, and its official naming at birth, "Medinat Yisrael"—State of Israel, with the swearing in of the first Council of Government. The proclamation of the State was made at midnight, coinciding with the ending of Britain's last High Commissioner. Within the hour, President Truman announced in Washington that the Government of the United States had decided to give *de facto* recognition to the Jewish State, with

der of Jewish settlements in North-Eastern Galilee.

The Security Council met yesterday in a special session to consider action on the invasion of Palestine by member states of the U.N.

In the afternoon, Jerusalem was subjected to shelling from the northwest.

Hagana forces throughout the country continued mopping up, and Jewish sources claimed most of Western Galilee safe against attack. Naharayim, near Jor el Majmie, inside Trans-Jordan,

JEWS TAKE OVER SECURITY ZONES

The battle for Jerusalem, which began when the British forces withdrew on Friday morning, continued all day Friday and yesterday. The crackle of small-arms fire and explosions of mortar shells were still being heard in the early hours of this morning as the battle entered its third day.

Repeated efforts on Friday evening and again on Saturday by the U.N. Truce Commission to bring about a "cease fire" were brought to naught when the Arab representatives failed to agree within the specified time limit.

On Friday morning, Jewish forces entered the Russian Compound and Zone C to re-occupy the buildings requisitioned from Jews last year. This operation was almost bloodless, but beyond the western edge of Zone C, Arabs engaged the Jews in Jaffa Road. The Arabs were forced back and the Barclays Bank area was taken.

In other parts of the city fighting flared up. Jews overran one after another the areas evacuated by the British. By last night, the quarters and

Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down

Kot Israel, the Tel Aviv broadcasting station, reported at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon that Tel Aviv had been bombed three times in the previous evening and morning, and that one plane had been shot down and its Egyptian pilot taken prisoner.

In the first raid, four planes attacked from a height of 300 feet. Two dropped bombs, while the others strafed the city. Little damage was caused. In the second attack two hours later, the airport to the north of the city was bombed, and an Air France plane parked there was damaged. The third raid was launched shortly before midday, but the planes were driven off without causing any damage.

Two settlements in the Negev had also been attacked from the air, the radio reported.

2 Columns Cross Southern Border

By WALTER COLLINS
U.P. Correspondent
CAIRO, Saturday. — A con-

country-wide blackout was ordered by Air Raid Precaution Headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Mr. David Ben Gurion, the Prime Minister, broadcast from Tel Aviv to the people of America yesterday morning. As he spoke, Egyptian planes were bombing the city.

In the north, the settlements of Ein Ger and Shaar Hagolan and Dan had been shelled, but no further details were available.

Kalanda airfield was taken by the Jewish army on Friday morning, shortly after the High Commissioner had left there by plane for Haifa. The field was evacuated, together with the neighbouring settlement of Ataroth, on Friday night. The settlement itself was burnt by Arabs yesterday.

Etzion Settlers Taken P.O.W.

Fighting in the Kfar Etzion bloc continued throughout Friday, after Kfar Etzion it-

U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — Ten minutes after the termination of the British Mandate on Friday, the White House released a formal statement by President Truman that the U.S. Government intended to recognize the Provisional Jewish Government as the *de facto* authority representing the Jewish State.

The U.S. is also considering lifting the arms embargo but it is not known whether to Palestine only or the entire Middle East, and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Jewish Provisional Government.

The White House press secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, told correspondents today that reaction so far to the recognition had been overwhelmingly favorable. He said this step had been discussed with Mr. Marshall and Mr. Lovett before action was taken, and it had their complete support.

Mr. Ross said that the President had decided several days ago to grant American recogni-

Proclamation by Head Of Government

The creation of "Medinat Yisrael", the State of Israel, was proclaimed at midnight on Friday by Mr. David Ben Gurion, until then Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and now head of the State's Provisional Council of Government.



David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister

The first act of the Council of Government, as announced by its head, was to abolish all legislation of the 1939 White Paper of the late Mandatory Power, particularly the Ordinance and Orders relating to immigration and land transfer.

In the declaration of independence, Mr. Ben Gurion called on the Arabs of Palestine to restore peace, assuring them full civic rights and full representation in all governmental organs of the State.

Mr. Ben Gurion prefaced the declaration with a review of the historic connection of the Jewish people with the Land of Israel and of their efforts to return, which never ceased throughout the generations of their dispersal, until the Nazi holocaust proved anew the urgency of the need for a Jewish State.

Special Assembly Adjourns

www.idf-armor.blogspot.com
The Special U.N. Assembly, called four weeks ago to discuss the U.S. propo-

Arab-Israeli Conflict

- 700,000 Palestinian-Arabs became refugees due to the Arab-Israeli War of 1948





- 1995: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin assassinated on November 4th

MIDDLE EAST

**RESULT-ONGOING CONFLICTS IN AREA-
TERRORISTS GROUPS-AL QUEADA,
TALIBAN AND ISIS**

Ethnic & Religious Conflicts

- Northern Ireland
- Religious conflict between Protestants and Catholics



Northern Ireland



On July 16, 2002, the IRA apologizes for killing civilians during more than three decades of violence in Northern Ireland.

Photo: Rescue workers at the scene of an explosion in the heart of Belfast on July 21, 1972. This day later became known as Bloody Friday, when the IRA set off more than 20 bombs within an hour. (AP Photo/str, PA)

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Road to disarmament

Royal Ulster Constabulary police officers and firefighters inspect the damage caused by a bomb explosion in Market Street, Omagh, Northern Ireland, Aug. 15, 1998. The Real IRA, a splinter group of the faction, claims responsibility for this attack which killed 29 people and injured hundreds. (AP Photo/Paul McErlane)

The long road to peace ends ...when?



NORTHERN IRELAND

RESULT-1994

PROVISIONAL IRISH REPUBLICAN

ARMY (IRA) CEASEFIRE

THE END OF MOST OF THE

VIOLENCE OF THE TROUBLES

Ethnic & Religious Conflicts

- **Balkans (Southern Europe)**
- **Ethnic conflicts between Bosnian Serbs, Croats, & Muslims led to violence during the 1990s**



RESULTS

- **BREAKUP of YUGOSLAVIA-**
- BOSNIA-(HERZEGOVINA), SERBIA,
SLOVENIA,
MACEDONIA,CROATIA,
MONTENEGRO

FORMER YUGOSLAV FEDERATION



Ethnic & Religious Conflicts

- Horn of Africa
- Religious conflicts between Muslims and Christians in Sudan
- Ethnic conflicts between rival tribes led to genocide in Rwanda between Hutus and Tutsis



HORN of AFRICA-RESULT

SUDAN

**TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ETHNIC CULTURES
AND TRIBAL HOMELANDS**

**SOUTH SUDAN CREATED A NEW COUNTRY
IN 2011**

HORN of AFRICA-RESULT

RESULT-RWANDA

**TODAY, RWANDA IS REMARKABLY
AT PEACE.**

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Ethnic & Religious Conflicts

- South Asia
- ¹ Religious conflict between Hindus(India) and Muslims(Pakistan)
- ² Ethnic conflicts led to genocide in Cambodia led by Pol Pot

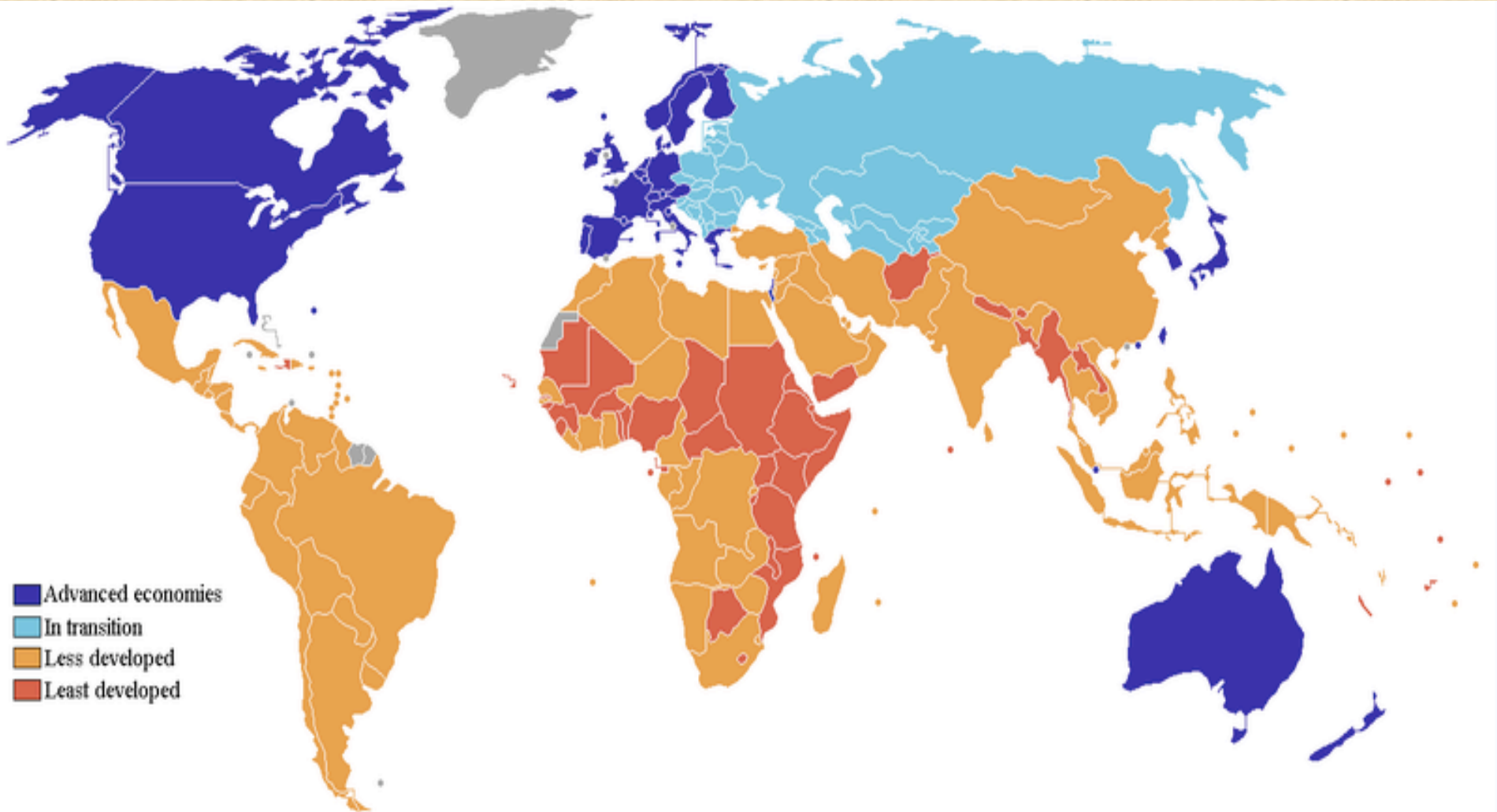


SOUTH ASIA

RESULT-SOUTH ASIA

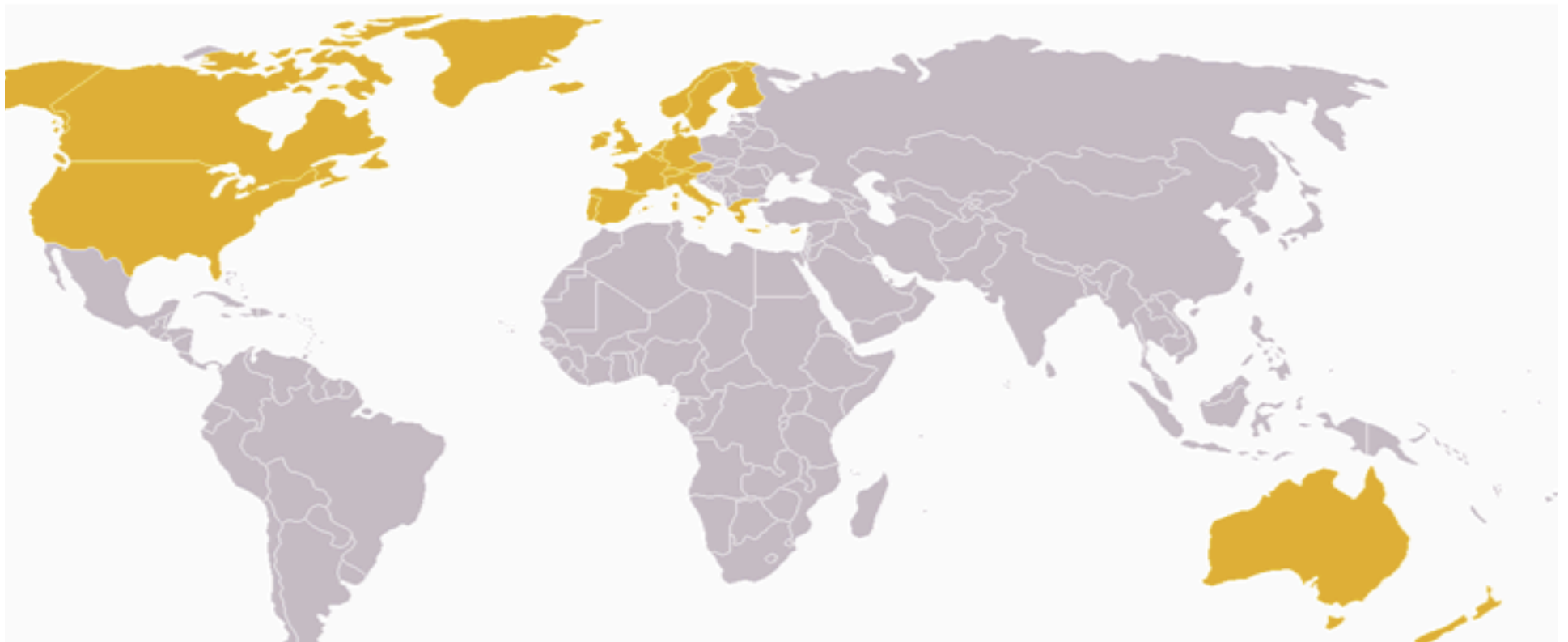
VIOLENCE ALONG THE **DISPUTED KASHMIR
BORDER** BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND INDIA
THREATENS TO STOP RECENT EFFORTS BY
THE NUCLEAR-ARMED RIVALS TO IMPROVE
TIES.

How does the developing world compare with the developed world in terms of economic, social, and population characteristics?



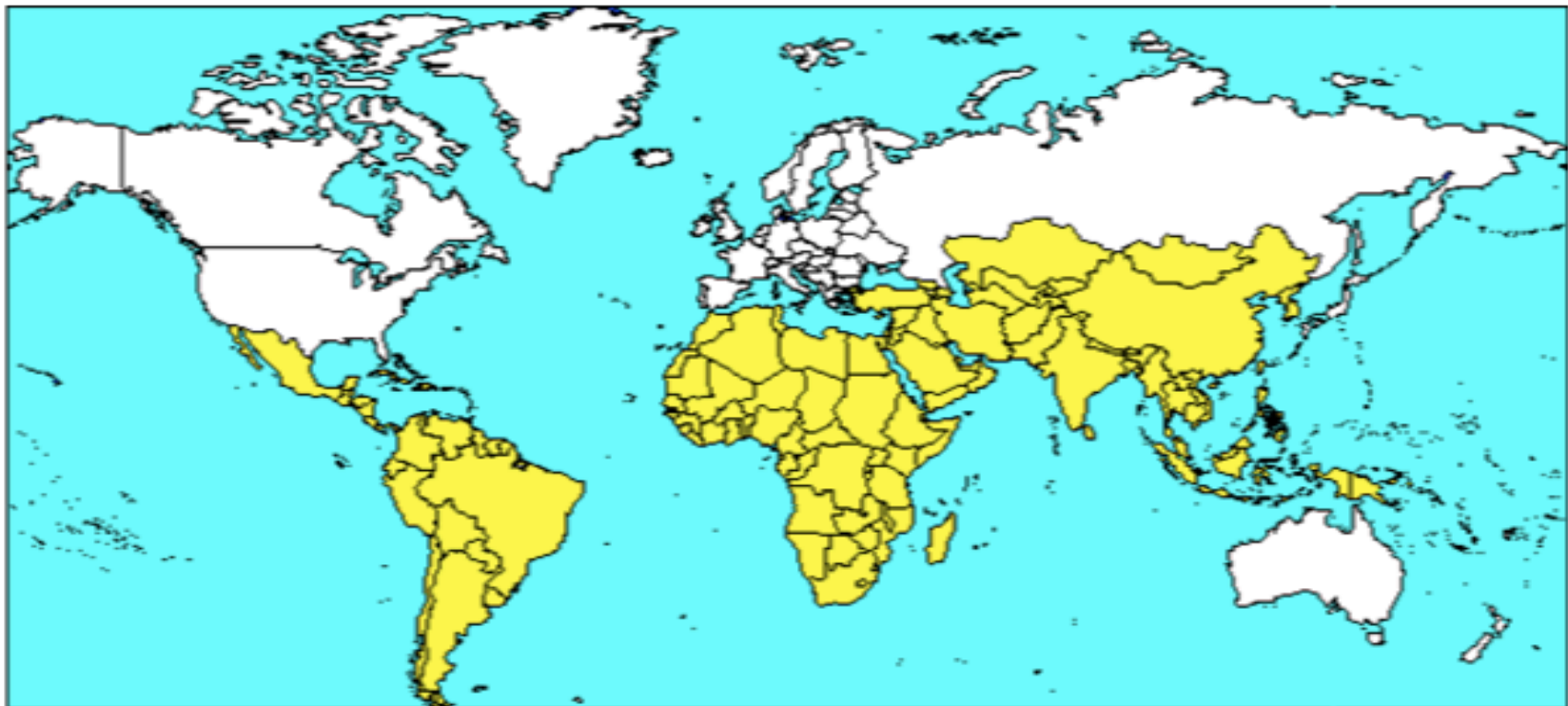
Developed vs. Developing Nations

- **Developed Nations-industrialized & rich**
- **U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan, Australia, Israel**



Developed vs. Developing Nations

- **Developing Nations-not industrialized & poor**
- **Nations in Latin America, Africa, Asia**



Developed vs. Developing Nations

Developing nations are filled with F.I.L.T.H.

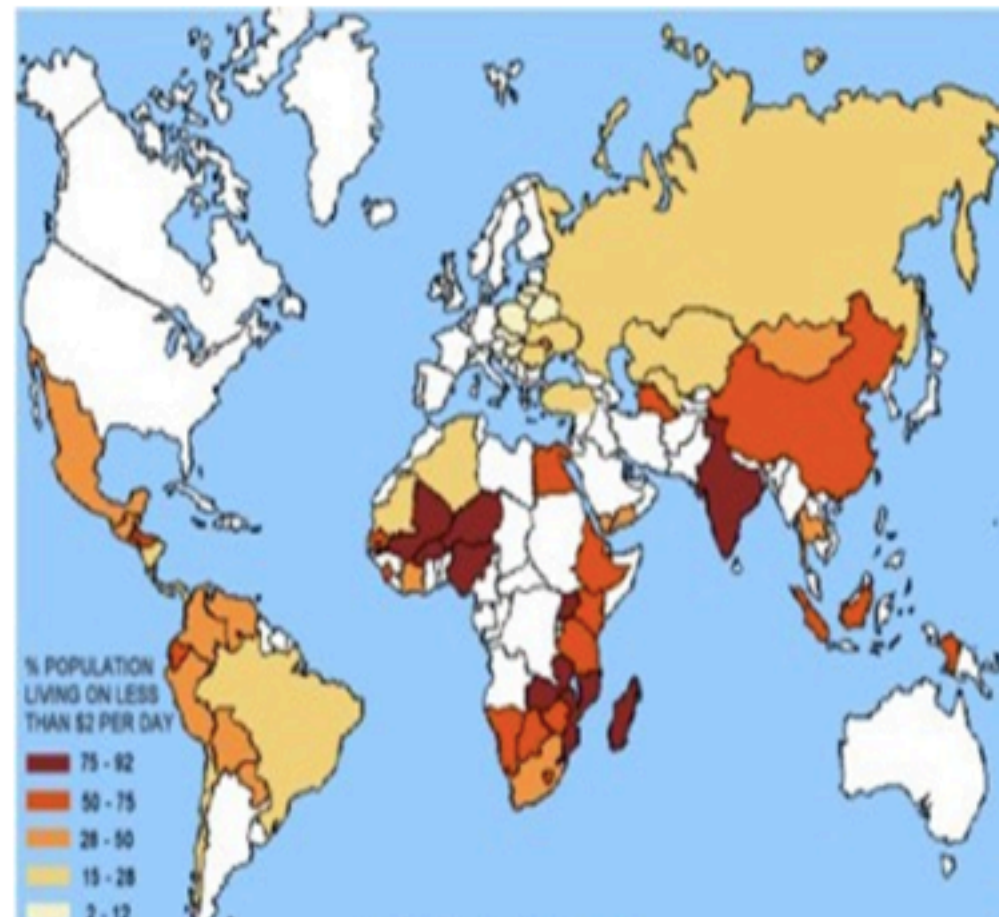
F=Famine

I=Illiteracy

L=Lots of poverty

T=Tons of migration

H=Health problems



Developed vs. Developing Nations

Environmental challenges facing all nations are not something to L.O.L. about

L=Lots of pollution

O=Ongoing global climate change

L=Loss of habitat



Developed vs. Developing Nations

<u>Indicators:</u>	<u>Dev'ed:</u>	<u>Dev'ing</u>
· GDP	high	low
· % Urban	high	low
· % Pop. Increase	low	high
· Literacy Rate	high	low
· Life Expectancy	high	low

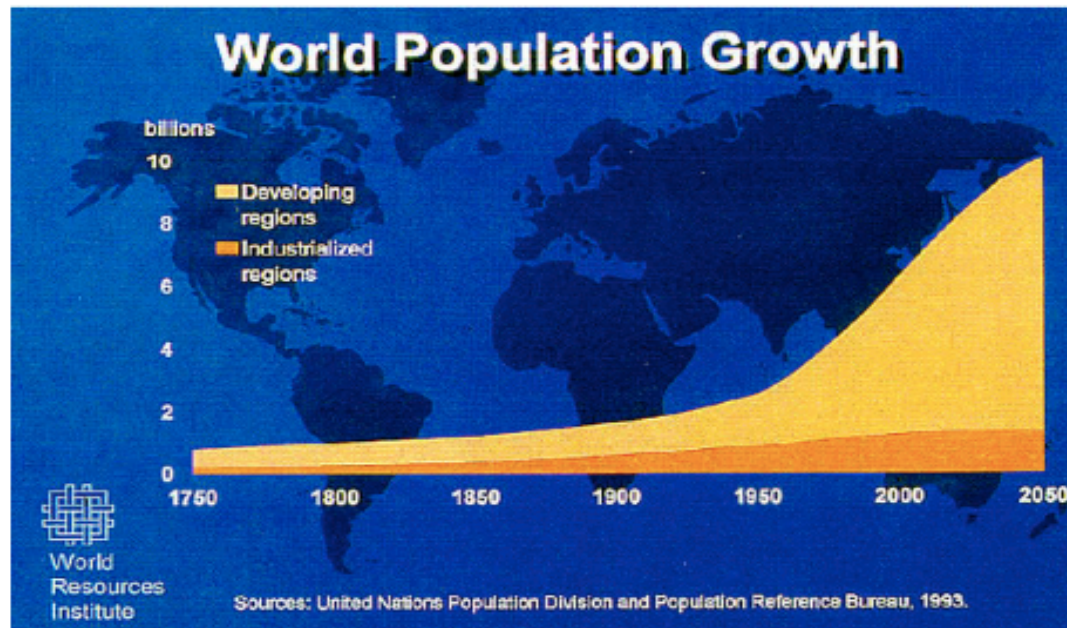
GDP-GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- (DOMESTIC-PRODUCED IN THE COUNTRY)
- GDP REPRESENTS-**the total dollar value of all goods and services produced over a specific time period - you can think of it as the size of the economy.**

Major Reasons for Environmental Change



- Economic development
- Rapid population growth



Relationship between economic and political freedom

**Free market economies
produce:**

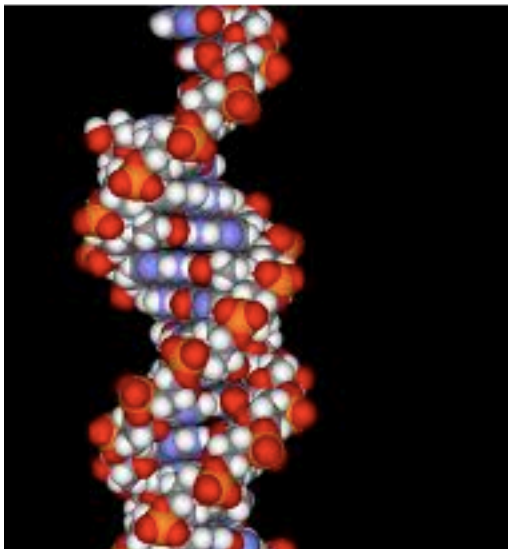
- *rising standards of living**
- *expanding middle class**
- *growing demands for political freedoms and individual rights**

Ex: Taiwan and South Korea.

Impact of new technologies

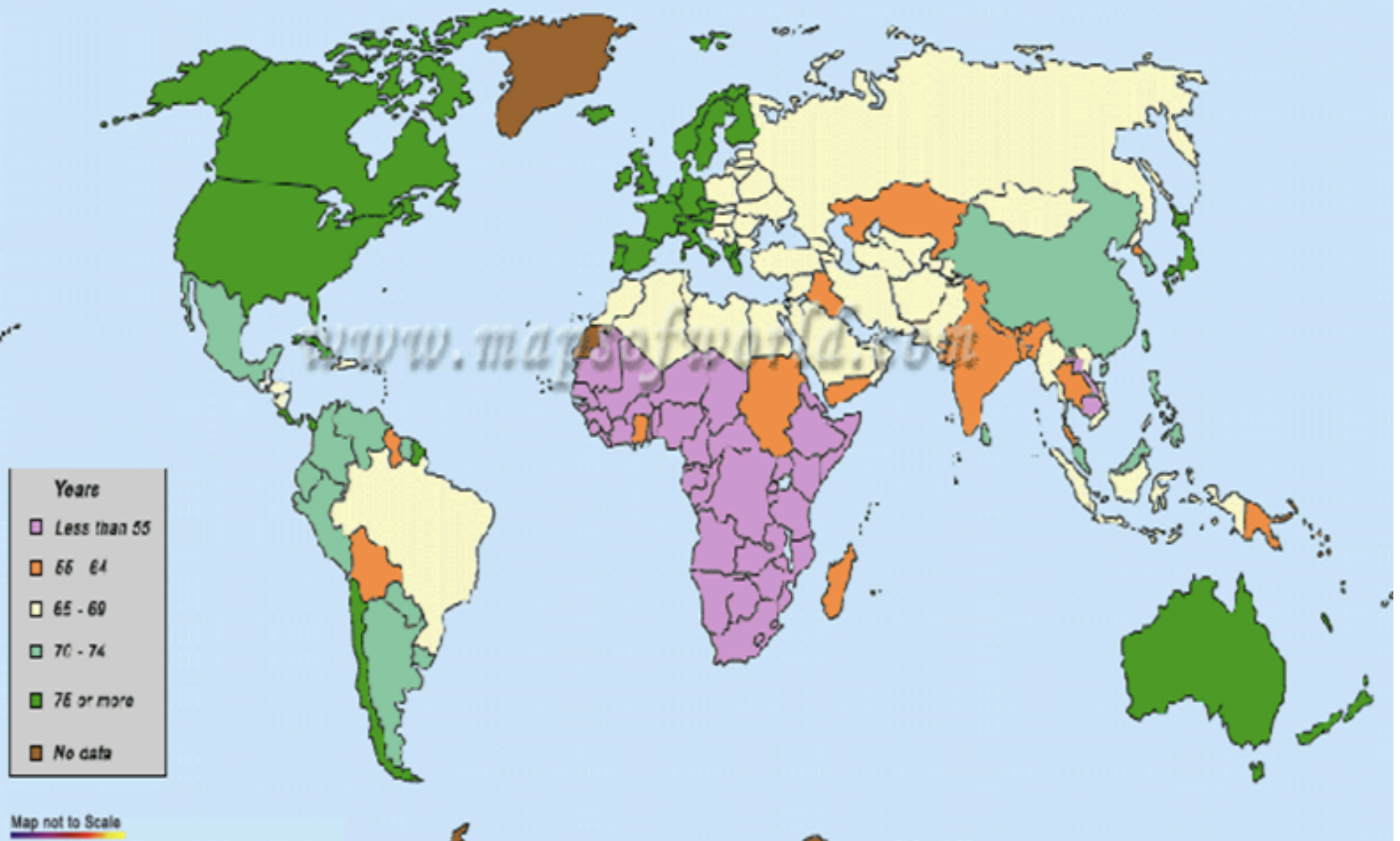


- Widespread but unequal access to computers and instantaneous communications

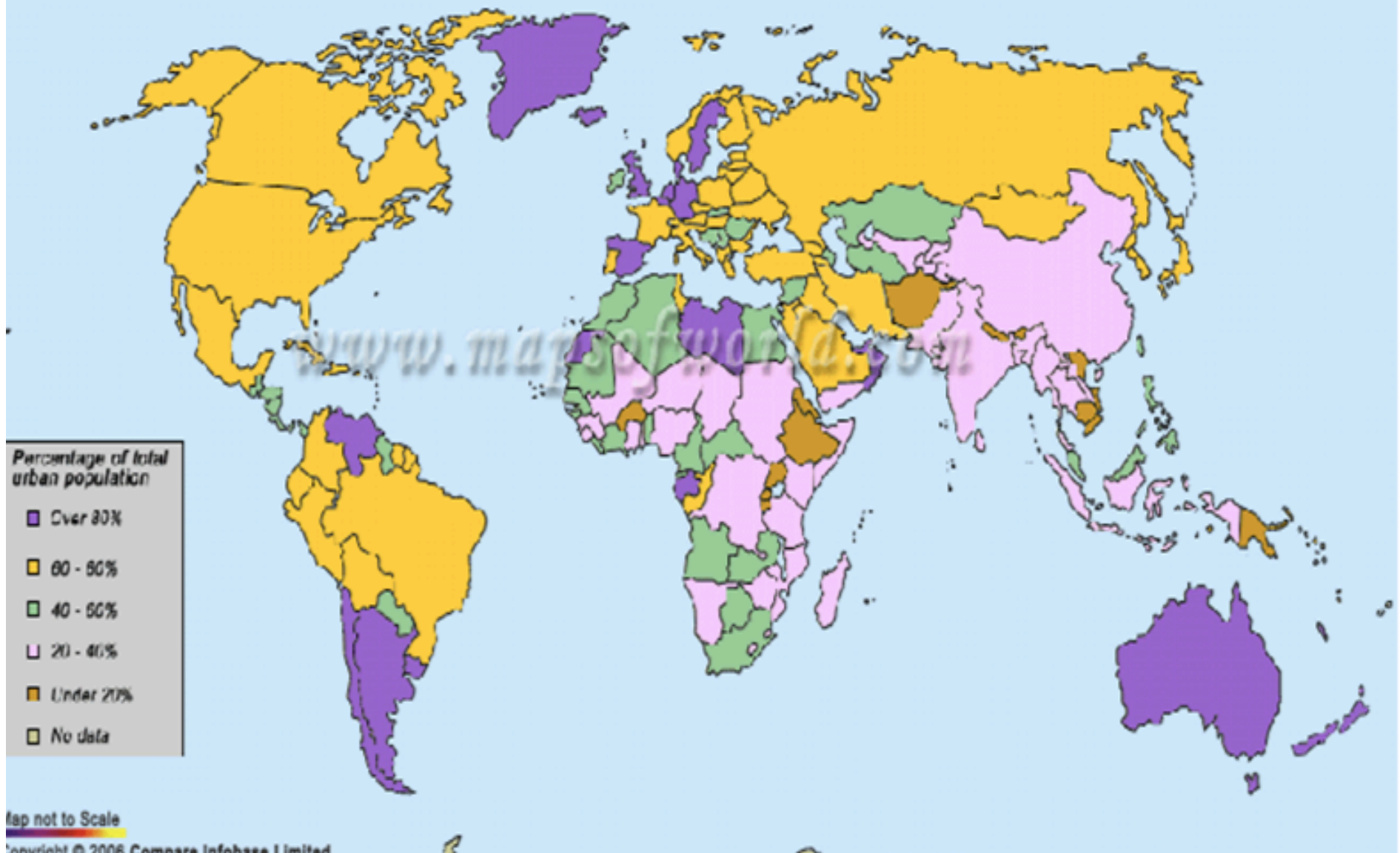


- Genetic engineering and bioethics

Life expectancy at birth



Urban Population of the WORLD



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Economics in the Modern World

Economic interdependence

- Role of rapid transportation, communication, and computer networks



- Rise and influence of multinational corporations



- Changing role of international boundaries



What is Economic Interdependence?

- **Economic Interdependence** is when the countries of the world become increasingly *dependent* on each other *for raw materials, markets, and financial resources.*

Regional Integration



European Union

What is regional integration?

- Regional integration is a process in which states enter into a regional agreement in order to enhance regional cooperation through regional institutions and rules.
- EXAMPLE-EUROPEAN UNION

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

TRADE AGREEMENTS



Eliminates trade restrictions between the U.S., Mexico & Canada.

World Trade Organization (WTO)

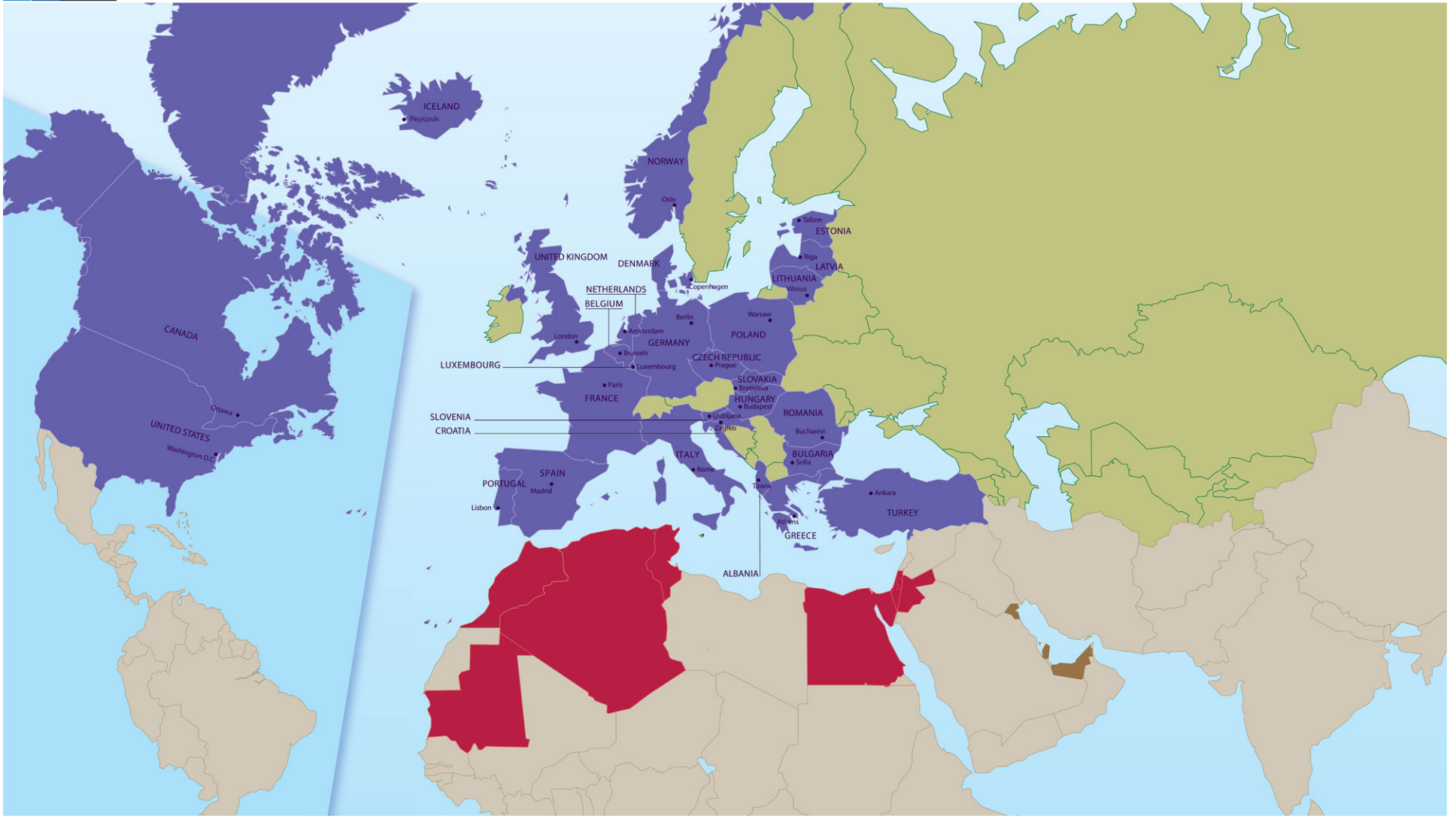


Established to supervise free trade between nations.

NATO

- PEACETIME MILITARY ALLIANCE





International organizations - United Nations (UN)



International Monetary Fund (IMF)



Provides loans for building projects and emergencies to less developed countries.

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International Terrorism

TERRORISM

- ***TERRORISM*** is the use of violence and threats to intimidate and coerce for political reasons.
- A major cause of terrorism is ***RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM***

Examples of International Terrorism

Munich Olympics

In 1972 at the Munich Games, a Palestinian terrorist group held 11 Israeli athletes hostage.

Two died in the process and the rest were killed in an airport shoot out. Games were suspended, but later resumed.

The victims of Munich



Terrorist attacks in the United States

9/11/2001

Arab terrorists representing Al Qaeda(led by Osama Bin Laden) hijack 4 planes in the U.S.
2 crash into World Trade Center
1 crashes into the Pentagon
1 crashes in Pennsylvania after passengers fight to take it back



Car Bombings (ex. Oklahoma City 1996)

Suicide Bombers
(often in Israel)



Airline Hijackers (often for ransom- money or prisoner exchange)

Governmental responses to terrorist activities



- Increased surveillance and limited privacy rights
- Increased security at ports and airports
- Identification badges and photos



WE FOUND PLENTY ON THIS GUY:
A CONCEALED FIRST
AMENDMENT, A SUSPICIOUS
FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY,
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